

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA-HAWAII DISTRICT (NCNH)
OF THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY (ARS)
Fall Business Meeting Minutes- October 8, 2023
Hosted by the NCNH District
Wyndham Hotel, Sacramento, CA**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME- SUE BENNETT

- The meeting was called to order by Sue Bennett, District Director at 9:19am

ROLL CALL- CINDY PHIPPS

- Roll Call was conducted by Cindy Phipps, Secretary.
Rose Societies present:
Butte, East Bay, Gold Country, Humboldt, Marin, Monterey Bay, Mother Lode, Mount Diablo, North Bay, Peninsula, Redwood Empire, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sierra Foothills, Woodland Library.
Rose Societies absent:
Honolulu, Lodi-Woodbridge, Reno, Southwest Oregon.

Sue welcomed new members and reviewed the process for the meeting. A quorum was established.

MINUTES OF THE SPRING BUSINESS MEETING (3/25/23)- CINDY PHIPPS

- Minutes from the Spring Business Meeting were posted on the NCNH website, emailed to everyone ahead of the meeting (Local Rose Society Presidents and Board Members) and were shown on the screen at the meeting.
- Sue asked the delegates if there were any corrections, additions or deletions needed. Correction needed was for the correct spelling of the Butte Rose Society president. It should be Jean Miller not Jan Miller. The minutes will be filed as corrected and will be posted on the NCNH website.

TREASURER'S REPORT- LOU EVANS

- Lou reported that 2023 was a good year for the District. We received approximately \$18,000 in donations from the closing of the Shasta Rose Society. The donation will be used to fund educational seminars and future conferences. We also have \$485 in Memorial Fund donations.
- As of October 4, the checking account balance is \$28,988.85.
- We received \$752 in donations from the Silent Auction on October 7.
- We need to schedule our annual fund donation to ARS in the amount of \$1,000.
- In July, ARS returned the \$500 that we provided for their Convention which was held in May.

- As of May 1, the CD received a 4.9% yield and the current balance is \$17,450.
- It's time for the local rose societies to renew The Criterion subscriptions (\$45) and annual trophy fund (\$5). Total is \$50.
- We need to reimburse Sue Bennett for our NCNH Banner (up to \$150). Dave Coop made a motion to approve the expenditure and Jolene Adams seconded. All voted in favor and no one voted no or abstained.
- There was much discussion around the District donating \$2,000 to the ARS Education Endowment Trust. Jolene Adams made the motion and Martine Labelle seconded it. The motion failed. Jolene explained that the District can specify exactly where our funds go. In the past we have voted on ARS Endowment Trust Fund and it was for young people across the US that want to learn more about roses. Another motion of \$1,000 to go to ARS Educational Endowment Fund was made by Debra Kinnick and seconded by Martin Kooi. The motion passed.

NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS REPORT- JAN BURNHAM

- Jan reported that the nomination process for the Silver Medal will begin in late February. The representatives from each society will be contacted for nominations. Anyone can nominate.
- Nominations for District Director need to be supplied to ARS by January 31, 2024. We need to provide our candidate(s) by that date. Everyone votes for the District Director.

DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT- LESA LANE

- Lesa and her co-chair, Jan Burnham thanked everyone for their support for the District Conference and Rose Show.

PARLIMENTARIAN REPORT- RICK SYDOR

- No report.

IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR- JOAN GOFF

- No report.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT- SUE BENNETT

- No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSULTING ROSARIANS (CR)- REBECCA SHAW (EXCUSED)

- No Report

HORTICULTURE JUDGES- JUDY FREDERICK

- Judy reported that ARS has approved a Horticulture Judging School on November 4, with the test occurring on November 5. The school will be held at Cogier Stock Ranch in Citrus Heights and the room can handle 35-40 people. The test will be held at Dave and Ruth Coop's home in Roseville. Registration is \$20 which includes lunch.
- Judy is coordinating the list of District Rose Shows for 2024. With only 40 judges in the District, it's imperative that no more than 2 rose shows are scheduled for the same day. Rose Shows scheduled for Spring: April 27, Mount Diablo and Sacramento; May 4, North Bay and Redwood Empire; May 5, East Bay, and Peninsula/Santa Clara/San Mateo; May 11, Marin; May 12, San Francisco; June 9, Humboldt. Fall: October 5, Lodi-Woodbridge; October 19 Sierra Foothills; October 28 Butte.

ARRANGEMENT CO-JUDGES- BARBARA GORDON & LESA LANE

- Lesa reported that Karen Flores took the Arrangement Judges test recently and may be our next Arrangement Judge.
- Lesa announced the winners of the Arrangement section for the Rose Show held on October 7. Best of Show was awarded to Cherry Hoover.
- All judges are up to date on points.

PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGES- EILEEN JACKSON (EXCUSED)

- No report.

DISTRICT EDITOR- DEBBIE ARRINGTON

- Debbie reported that the Fall issue of The Criterion is out. It contains the special report from Barbara Norkus "Elephant in the Room" The deadline for the Winter issue is December 3. She needs photos and the fall Rose Show results for this issue.
- Debbie needs photos of the winners of the District Rose Show from the banquet on October 7.

ROSES IN REVIEW (RIR)- DEBBIE ARRINGTON

- Debbie reported that as of September 16, ARS received reports from 162 different NCNH members. She's hoping that we get all CR's to complete the report. She will have final numbers from Dan Swanson in a month.

PROGRAMS AND SPEAKERS- CHARLIE MALARKEY

- In November, Charlie will ask everyone for any changes to the speaker list.

WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR- GAIL TRIMBLE (EXCUSED)

- No report

TROPHIES AND AWARDS- DAVE COOP

- Daved indicated that he can co-chair going forward as his term ends in 2024. Ideally the new chair will house the trophies. Do we also want to retire some of them? We can discuss at our new Business Meeting.

RAFFLE- SUE MAGILL AND CHERILYN DUNCAN

- No report

DISTRICT DIRECTORY- SUE BENNETT

- Sue will remind Local Society presidents to get back to her with changes for the Directory.

HISTORIAN- ANN MARIE HARRIS (EXCUSED)

- No report.

MEMORIAL FUND- ROSE GILARDI

- Rose reported that the current balance in the fund is \$1,300.

MEMBERSHIP- BARBARA NORKUS

- Barbara thanked Debbie Arrington for publishing her three part article entitled "Elephant in the Room".

YOUTH- JULIE MATLIN

- Julie reported that two youths from her area entered arrangements in the Rose Show held on October 7.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR- JOLENE ADAMS

- No report

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

- 2024 Spring Business Meeting.
North Bay will host the Spring Business Meeting. Mike Myrick and Eileen Jackson will co-chair.
- 2024 Fall Business Meeting/Rose Show Conference.
The Fall Conference will be hosted by the East Bay Rose Society.

NEW BUSINESS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Rick Sydor will chair the Nominating Committee. Committee members are Ann Marie Harris (Reno), Cynthia Phipps (Gold Country), Jan Burnham (Butte), Charlie Malarkey (North Bay) and Sue Magill (Sacramento). We will vote at the Spring Business meeting.
- Sue Bennett asked if there were any candidates for District Director.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

- Martine Labelle asked who uses online payment as her rose society was considering it and wanted to know pros and cons. Some discussion occurred and she will reach out to the societies who are currently using on line payment. Butte rose society does this now. There is a 3.5% administrative fee.

Encouragement around attending the ARS National Convention “Sailing on a Sea of Roses”.

Date: September 9-13, 2024

Location: Crown Plaza, Warwick, Rhode Island

Meeting Adjourned: 11:20am

Respectfully Submitted

Cindy Phipps

NCNH District Secretary